

Demolished

FORM B - BUILDING

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
294 WASHINGTON STREET, BOSTON, MA 02108

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| AREA | FORM NO. |
| | 411 |

Garage = 609



own Lexington

Address 57 Bedford Street

Historic Name Lexington Lumber

Company _____

DEMOLISHED

Use: Present lumber storage and sales

Original lumber storage and sales

DESCRIPTION:

ate 1912

Source Lexington Minute Man, Dec. 30, 1971

Style nineteenth century monitor roof mill

Architect _____

Exterior wall fabric clapboards

Outbuildings three large auxiliary

buildings

Major alterations (with dates) _____

Moved _____ Date _____

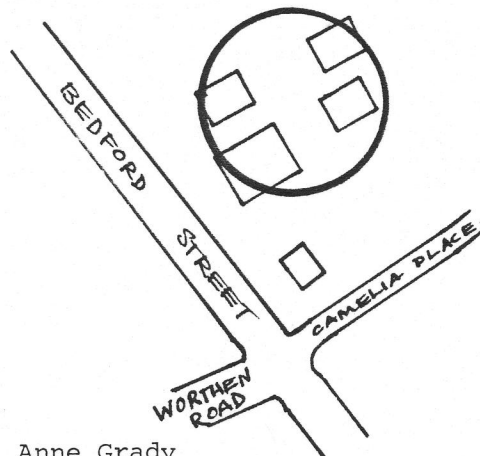
Approx. acreage 4.31 A.

Setting Part of retail/office district

just north of Lexington Center.

SKETCH MAP

Show property's location in relation to nearest cross streets and/or geographical features. Indicate all buildings between inventoried property and nearest intersection. Indicate north.



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Organization Lexington Historical Commission

Date April, 1984

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ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE (Describe important architectural features and evaluate in terms of other buildings within the community.)

One of three industrial buildings to survive in Lexington Center, this building, although built in 1912, is in the style of a nineteenth century clerestory-monitor-roofed mill. It has seen little change since its original construction. Also noteworthy is the brick structure immediately to the north. Apparently always a Lexington Lumber Company building, it is in the style of an early twentieth century garage. There are three elliptical arches fitted with garage doors. A slightly peaked parapet finished with cyma reversa curves at

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HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE (Explain the role owners played in local or state history and how the building relates to the development of the community.)

"One of the oldest, continually operating businesses in Lexington . . . the Lexington Lumber Company [was] formerly known as Whitcher's Grain Mill. It began selling lumber in 1883 behind what is today the Bay Bank-Harvard Trust Company on Massachusetts Avenue. The company moved to its present location in 1912" (Kelley 1980:30). George Briggs and William Smith were the owners when these buildings were built. An entry on the 1918 Sanborn map indicates that the brick building was built in 1913.

BIBLIOGRAPHY and/or REFERENCES (name of publication, author, date and publisher)

Kelley, Beverly Allison. Lexington, A Century of Photographs, p. 30. Boston: Lexington Historical Society, 1980.

Lexington Minute Man, December 30, 1971.

1918 Sanborn map

INVENTORY FORM CONTINUATION SHEET

MASSACHUSETTS HISTORICAL COMMISSION
Office of the Secretary, Boston

Community:

Lexington

Form No:

411

Property Name: 57 Bedford Street

Indicate each item on inventory form which is being continued below.

ARCHITECTURAL SIGNIFICANCE

either side surmounts the facade and masks a gable roof. Lexington Lumber Company's initials in rather art nouveau lettering are in a medallion at the center of the parapet. There are two large wooden storage sheds to the rear of the property.



Garage (#609)

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